Fulbright Charges GIs Undermine Viet Society

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Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said last night that South Vietnamese society is being undermined by the presence of American soldiers and American goods.

"Both literally and figuratively," Fulbright argued, "Saigon has become an American brothel."

As evidence, Fulbright cited American press reports that many Vietnamese find it economically necessary to put their wives or daughters to work as bar girls or as mistresses for American soldiers.

Third Talk in Series

Fulbright delivered his charges in the third of a series of addresses on the "Arrogance of Power" at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Earlier yesterday, former Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater demanded that Fulbright resign as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Goldwater said no American had the right to call the United States "arrogant and self-righteous and expansionist and immoral."

"And that goes double for doing it in time of war and in a fashion that lends support and aid and comfort to our enemies," Goldwater told 3000 Republican women in a speech at the opening session of the national GOP Women's Conference.

At the same time Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) took issue with Fulbright, saying that U.S. foreign policy in the last two decades had represented an "acceptance of power" rather than "an arrogance of power."

'Useful' Point in Criticism

Javits said that since Fulbright did not offer "viable alternatives", the "useful" points in his criticism "have not received the sympathetic

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attention they deserve at policy making levels."

In his speech last night Fulbright said the large American presence in South Vietnam had produced a "thriving" black market.

"It is reported that 30,000 cans of hair spray were sent to Vietnam in March of 1966; since it is unlikely that the American fighting men are major consumers of hair spray, it seems reasonable to suppose that this item has found its way to the black market," he said.

Fulbright said he did not question the power of American arms in South Vietnam.

"What I do question," he added, "is the ability of the United States or France or any other western nation, to go into a small, alien, undeveloped nation and create stability where there is chaos, the will to fight where there is defeatism, democracy where there is no tradition of it and honest government where corruption is almost a way of life."

In Vietnam, said Fulbright," we are still acting like boy scouts dragging reluctant old ladies across streets they do not want to cross."

Fulbright argued against making numerous American commitments like Vietnam, which "though generous and benevolent in intent, are so universal as to exceed even America's great capacities."